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Group Art Unit: 2823 Examiner: Lee, Hsien Ming
Attorney Docket No.: M-12524 US
Title: Cobalt Silicide Fabrication Methods Using Protective Titanium
Assignee(s): Mosel Vitelic, Inc.
Sir:

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2. This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and
3. Amendment (15 pp.).

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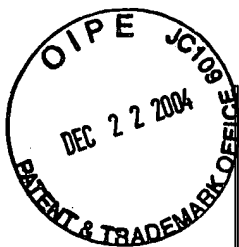
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 24 September 2004, please amend the above patent application in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 29, 34, 45, 46, 58, and 59 so that the claims are as follows:

1 - 22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously amended) A method comprising:

forming a cobalt layer over a body which comprises a silicon-containing erasable programmable read-only memory region;

forming a titanium layer over the cobalt layer by ionized physical vapor deposition;
reacting cobalt of the cobalt layer with silicon of a doped silicon section of the erasable programmable read-only memory region to form a cobalt silicide layer; and

substantially removing the titanium layer and any unreacted cobalt of the cobalt layer.

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